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# Promising to target key issues

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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**PLANS have been drawn up to tackle problems with homelessness and car parking in the city – issues that have been highlighted by OneMK.**

Other proposals in the draft four-year vision, released by Milton Keynes Council on Monday, include improving people's health and wellbeing and further protecting vulnerable children.

According to the plans, parking charges will be frozen until at least April 2018 and a feasibility study will take place to create a new multi-storey car park in CMK.

It comes after OneMK launched its Fair Parking campaign calling for an increase in the number of standard parking spaces for city centre workers.

Creating a one stop shop-style service to focus on the prevention of homelessness and provide support to those in danger of losing their home is also planned by March 2017 after this newspaper called for solutions to the city's crisis be found.

Council leader Pete Marland said: "To many people, Milton Keynes is a 'land of opportunity' and that is true, but we must continue to ensure that we get the basics right – tackling homelessness, building more affordable housing and ensuring our children are safe.

"We also want to support city centre workers and visitors by keeping parking charges in standard bays the same until at least April 2018 – while in the meantime a feasibility study will have started on building a multi-storey car park,

which would bring hundreds of extra spaces to the city centre.

"And let's not forget what we are good at in Milton Keynes – our enviable economic strength, high recycling levels and our role as exemplar in smart technology and continuing to be a world centre of technological innovation."

There are also ambitious plans to finish the current programme of council house building by December 2018.

Reducing the use of bed and breakfast accommodation by 75 per cent by the end of 2017/2018 by providing better and cheaper alternative temporary housing and increasing the supply of long-term placements is also included in the plans.

There are promises to protect services in the areas of HIV, sexual health and domestic violence and to make the treatment of mental health as important as physical conditions.

The council plans, which can be found in full at [onemk.co.uk](http://onemk.co.uk), also give high priority to young people, with pledges to prioritise protecting vulnerable children from harm and neglect, including a focus on child sexual exploitation and supporting young carers.

It is also hoped that by reducing household black sack rubbish and increasing recycling, the amount of waste sent to landfill will reduce to five per cent.

The draft plan is due to be discussed by the council's cabinet on July 11.

Find out how to submit questions in advance at [onemk.co.uk](http://onemk.co.uk)

■ Read more about Milton Keynes' plan for the future on page 4, and the strategy to tackle the homeless crisis on page 7.



Read more tributes to Brian [onemk.co.uk](http://onemk.co.uk)

## 'City has lost a good friend'

TRIBUTES have been flooding in for former Labour councillor, mayor and MP Brian White who lost his battle with cancer yesterday morning.

He died at Milton Keynes University Hospital with his wife Leena by his side – the day after they had celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary.

Yesterday the flag at Milton Keynes Council's Civic Offices was flying at half-mast in his honour.

As previously reported by OneMK, the 59-year-old, who was dubbed the people's councillor, was diagnosed with a tumour in his gullet just after Christmas, which spread to his liver and bones.

Current mayor Steve Coventry said: "Brian was a true gentleman, who had Milton Keynes at heart in everything he did. He was a political genius who bought everyone together regardless of their political views. MK has lost a good friend."

Brian started his political career as a councillor in the city in 1987. As well as being a councillor, he had two terms as an MP in 1997 and 2001 and was mayor of Milton Keynes in 2013.

When he resigned as a Labour councillor in February this year he said his highlights included creating a borough-wide recycling system and negotiating for Milton Keynes to be a unitary authority.

Brian, who ran his own digital publishing business, had plans to write books on subjects such as the history of Milton Keynes and was due to move to Spain with Leena until he found out his cancer had spread.

Speaking just three weeks ago he said: "If I can get one person, hopefully a lot more, to go to the doctor earlier than I did then hopefully that would be worth it."

A team of former mayors, mayoresses and VIPs are raising money for Willen Hospice, which had been supporting Brian, by taking part in the MK Midnight Moo on July 16.

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# Looking to a bright future

RESIDENTS and VIPs attended the launch of Milton Keynes Futures 2050 Commission on Monday at The Open University (OU).

The commissioning group has been working on a plan to make 'our great city greater' by 2050.

Commission chairman Sir Peter Gregson said: "I hope residents will get excited about all the six projects which are about raising ambition, making sure we have growth and creating direction."

All political parties praised the six projects, which will be debated at a public council meeting on July 20.

## University

Lifelong learning opportunities could be provided at a new style CMK university, demonstrating how cities, businesses and higher education can develop together. MK:IT's mission will be to promote research, teaching and practice which provides realistic solutions to the problems facing growing cities everywhere. It will offer portfolio learning, Living Lab research in Milton Keynes, and learning partnerships with a range of global education institutions and employers.

Speech: Sir Peter Gregson addresses the audience at Monday's OU launch

## Mobility

This project will provide mobility for all by harnessing the flexibility of grid roads and redways. It will include a travel integration system using the new Motion Map from the MK:Smart programme and focus on low emission vehicles, on-demand buses, shared taxis, car clubs, short-loan and electric bikes, as well as the driverless cars and pods.

## CMK

Plans to recreate an even stronger city centre fit for the 21st century. It will provide a home for MK:IT and make CMK a regional commercial centre. Building on the CMK Alliance Plan, this programme will attract substantial private investment, but developments will abide by current architecture.

## New hub

The first project is to create an arc of collaboration with Cambridge and Oxford.

This is a major opportunity for MK to work more closely with Oxford and Cambridge, providing a connected arc of investment and growth. This project hopes to harness the proposed investments in East-West Rail and an A421 Expressway. It would also look at the potential of Cranfield airport to be used more frequently and attract businesses from around the world to land there.

## Learning

A collaboration between schools and colleges, enabling families, particularly those from deprived backgrounds, to better engage with their schools and ensuring that businesses support schools. There will be a strong link to MK:IT and promises to offer every young person leaving school the chance to study at the university.

## Festivals

This final project aims to harness the creative energy and motivation of the city's people. Using the 50th anniversary as a platform and building from the Capital of Culture bid, this would include various festivals of culture, architecture, music, dance and animating the city's rich heritage.

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Fore: From left, Ronnie Bottom, Simon Timmins, John Hedley and Paul Hockenhill on their golf challenge



## Swinging into action to raise charity cash

GOLFERS played four rounds of golf in 16 hours to help people suffering from cancer.

Ronnie Bottom, Simon Timmins, John Hedley and Paul Hockenhill took part in the challenge at Abbey Hill Golf Course on Friday.

They have so far raised about £1,500 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Ronnie from Rock Hard Music based in Old Wolverton, who organised the event, said it was a tiring but rewarding day of golf.

He added: "We got

through it, although I've got a leg injury anyway so I'm hobbling around like an old man now!"

Anyone who would like to donate – and have the chance to win a guitar from the store – can check out Ronnie's Facebook page for the JustGiving link.

# 'Anna still hurts after his death'

BY CHRIS KNIGHT  
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**THE father of a 'devastated' fiancée has paid tribute to his future son-in-law after he was tragically crushed to death by a lorry.**

As previously reported by this newspaper, Krzysztof Sontowski, 35, from Campbell Park, was a warehouse operative at the DHL warehouse in Snelshall when he was killed on February 26, 2015.

Emergency services attended the scene, but he was confirmed dead at 8.21am.

The cause of death was

given as 'unsurvivable' head injuries and it was ruled as an accidental death at an inquest on Friday.

Mr Sontowski, who was originally from Poland, leaves behind his fiancée Anna Krupska and their young daughter Monika.

And in a written statement, Anna's father Krzysztof Krupski labelled the pair a 'happy couple'.

He said: "Krzysztof was a very pro-active and motivated man.

"He woke up early every day and was a very hardworking man.

"He was a very good partner to Anna and I genuinely liked him as he cared for her.

"They were a very happy couple and he had a very deep bond with Monika.

"I know Anna is still hurting and thinks of Krzysztof every day and there is some way to go before she completely comes to terms with his death and the impact it will have on her and Monika's lives."

Since Mr Sontowski's death last year, additional safety measures, including increased signage and more buffers on bays, have been introduced at the DHL warehouse.

## Awards to close soon

TIME is running out to enter OneMK's Made In MK Awards celebrating independent businesses and organisations across the city.

Voting closes on Friday, July 15 for the 10 categories ranging from best local tourist attraction and best local producer to business start-up and best independent retailer.

Enter at [onemk.co.uk/8203-Nominations-open-MK-Awards-2016/story-29151791-detail/story.html](http://onemk.co.uk/8203-Nominations-open-MK-Awards-2016/story-29151791-detail/story.html)

## Police called to man with 'gun'

ARMED police were called to a suspected hostage situation in Fenny Stratford on Sunday.

At 5.57pm officers were called to a property in Durrans Court following reports that a man was threatening a woman with a gun.

Watling Street, Aylesbury

Street and Victoria Road were closed until 9.25pm and customers in The Chequers Pub were told to remain inside for their own safety.

A 48-year-old man was arrested but released without charge due to insufficient evidence. The firearm was found to be an imitation.

## Schools shut during strike

MORE than seven secondary and primary schools were forced to close or cancel some lessons after members of the National Union of Teachers went on strike yesterday.

The strike was over pay, workloads and the

Government's school budgets.

But some OneMK readers were left frustrated that while they face fines for taking children out of school because it disrupts their education, teachers went on strike. Share your views at [onemk.co.uk](http://onemk.co.uk)



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# Let's embrace the change

I WOULD like to reply to Irene Henderson's letter in last week's paper.

The idea of everybody who voted to leave the EU being discriminatory against immigrants is being used as an argument by the remain voters for the democracy that is so preciously ours to be ignored.

There are many reasons to leave EU dominance and regain independence, individual confidence and the backbone the British have always been known for. We have become floppy and weak.

It's time to embrace the change and work ahead that is full of promise for us all – yes all of us.

The word 'racist' is banded about without discretion. There are those in any community who will feel it necessary to discriminate against anyone who appears to be vulnerable for whatever reason.

I know this from my own long career in local government and my subsequent work with those less able than others.

Irene asks 'where do I fit in?' We all fit in wherever we want to be! It is entirely up to the individual.

A long career serving the community in many ways surely shows exactly where you stand and where you want to be.

I use my commonsense, common decency and good manners to accept others' flaws and the great talents which we are blessed with in Milton Keynes

I am one of the many 'pioneers' who came to Bleckley during the 1960s where there were no schools, shops (except Queensway) or buses.

There wasn't a hospital and no other amenities – just our own strength and determination to overcome the reluctance there was at the time from local people to accept the influx from London and other areas.

Call it discrimination or racism if you prefer! It was hard work and hard times.

I too have hardworking, talented, high achieving children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

things to do all through the week, my social life was brilliant years ago.

**Karen Graham:** I've had fab nights out in MK. Having a great time is about how you feel and who you're with!

**Graham Mears:** It used to have great nightclubs like the Empire or the point night club in the 90s!

**Emma Brookes:** There's some good stuff at MK Gallery project space. There are gigs that have a bit of dancing at the end, but not really a club night out.

**Hayley J Evans:** It's nothing like it used to be. There are too many places now, prices are high and too much trouble. There used to be

## Send picture to win a funny prize



This week's photograph was taken by J Golosino

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Wherever we are from it is how you feel about yourself. Irene you should be happy and glad you have come thus far – you have done very well in Milton Keynes.

**Rejoice!**  
**M I Penfold Hill**  
**Manorfield Road**  
**Old Stratford**

## Searching for relatives

I WONDER if any of your readers can help us trace relatives of a George Dunkley (born on August 2, 1882) from Woburn Sands, who married Annie Lyman (1906) and who lived at 37 Broad Street Newport Pagnell until he died in 1954.

I understand they had three children, Dorothy, Albert and Marjorie.

Records show that he was a railway carpenter and may have worked at the LMSR works at Wolverton.

My enquiry results from the fact

that, supported by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, we are currently restoring an historic railway coach that was built at Wolverton in 1924.

During its restoration we have found numerous panels inscribed 'G. Dunkley' and, if it's the same person, we would like to trace any of his family members who might be interested in his superb craftsmanship.

The coach is being transformed into a unique venue for school groups and other learners and is based now at Rail Story, at Ingrow on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway in Yorkshire.

If any of your readers can help us identify Mr Dunkley I would be most grateful if they could get in touch with me.

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## comment

**Jon Brett**

His column written exclusively for OneMK

HOW depressingly predictable it was to see that the new bikes dotted around the city intended for shared use would be vandalised days into the scheme.

Cycles docked in Coffee Hall had their tyres slashed.

Sponsored by Santander, the Boris Bike-style scheme sees users register before taking the bikes from Point A and depositing them at Point B.

Very much like the hugely successful scheme in London and other cities around the world.

The cost of hiring the bikes starts at £1 for the first 30 minutes, with every additional 30 minutes costing another £1.

However, if you have the bike for between five and 24 hours, the total cost is £10.

These charges are reduced if you pay for an annual subscription, which costs £60 a year.

It all sounds a little complicated, but let's not let the minority ruin the scheme even before it has the chance to succeed.

Find out about the work that was carried out to get the bikes to the city in our business section from page 29.



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**Generous: Arfaan Hussain gave out food to the homeless**



## Takeaway gives away free food

**SIZZLING** Grillz allowed homeless people to eat for free on Monday.

Arfaan Hussain, who runs the takeaway in Elder Gate, Central Milton Keynes, is handing out free food because of Ramadan – when Muslims do not eat or drink during

daylight hours.

Mr Hussain said: "It's something I've never done before.

"I feel it's something that would look good for Milton Keynes as a city as a whole.

"We make a life by what we give to others

around us. Being one person I cannot change the world, but I can try to change the world of others around me."

As previously reported by this newspaper, MK is currently in the grip of a homeless crisis – see more below.

# Homelessness plans revealed

**BY CHRIS KNIGHT**

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**A THREE-PRONGED strategy to tackle the growing homelessness crisis in the city has been published.**

As OneMK previously reported, more housing could be built by Milton Keynes Council after an overspend of £2.3million on temporary housing in the last financial year.

The draft council plan, which is due to be debated by the cabinet on July 11, includes far-reaching proposals to tackle homelessness.

Prevention services and working with private landlords and parents have been identified as core ideas behind the strategy.

Speaking to OneMK, councillor Nigel Long has outlined the thinking behind the plan.

He said: "Prevention is about people getting advice early on about matters such as mortgage and rent payments.

"This is important – there used to be a lot more advice in MK, but many have closed."

While a housing shortage remains the primary reason for the current crisis,

evictions of tenants by private landlords and a rise in children being forced out of homes by parents has worsened the situation in the city.

Cllr Long admits a 'vicious cycle' has developed in the private housing sector and stressed the need for the council to work with landlords and parents.

He said: "We want to work with the private housing sector to create long-term tenancies and find a way of helping parents to sustain keeping their kids in the house longer, unless there is violence in the household."

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### Prisoner's death

AN INQUEST has opened into the death of Thomas Morris, 31, from Emberton, who died at Woodhill Prison on June 26. He is the 14th prisoner to die there since 2013. A pre-inquest review is due to be held on November 10.

### Award at dog show

KENNEL Club's Antonia Leech, from Great Brickhill, is believed to be the first British handler in 18 years to be placed in the International Junior Handler Championship finals at the World Dog Show. The 18-year-old came second on June 26 with pharaoh hound Bella.

## Aiming for Purple Flag status

**VOLUNTEERS** were out and about in Milton Keynes throughout Friday night as the city seeks a Purple Flag.

This status is an indicator that a city has great nightlife and an application will be made for it later this year.

It works in a similar way to the Blue Flags for beaches or

Green Flags for parks. But people on our Facebook page have criticised the nightlife in the city.

A OneMK poll of what people thought of the nightlife revealed that 94.22 per cent of the 294 people who answered the survey thought it wasn't very good.

## Roof fire starts at nail salon

MK NAILS in Church Street, Wolverton, was hoping to reopen again yesterday afternoon following a roof fire that took place in the morning.

The salon was having repairs to the roof when the fire began and passersby called

firefighters after spotting plumes of smoke at 11.30am.

Four fire engines attended the scene but the damage was minimal.

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service said it would be investigating.

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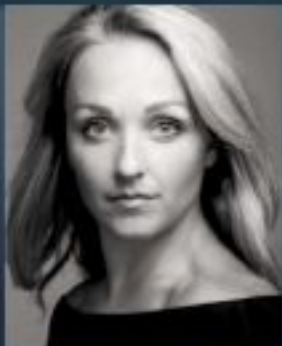
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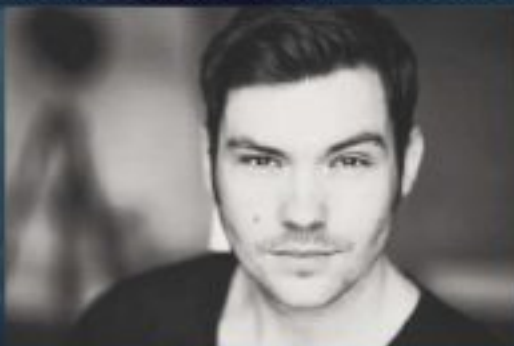
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# Robbery leads to EU vote fear

BY SCOTT KIRK  
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**THE robbery of a homeless man is believed to have been racially motivated in the wake of the EU referendum vote.**

The victim, a 36-year-old Russian, was robbed at knife-point by three men during the attack on the subway between Fishermead and Oldbrook near Saxon Street at around 1am last Wednesday.

He was woken up and when the victim stood up he saw three men wearing masks,

black clothing and gloves. They were all around six foot.

The men demanded money and one of them produced a four-inch knife. The victim pushed this man away and went to run, but one of them swung a knife at him, which caused a very small hole in his clothing.

Nothing was stolen and the victim ran towards Oldbrook.

He stayed with his friend and former homeless man Ricky Oates, who still has connections with people in the homeless community.

Mr Oates said that homeless

people who are not originally from Britain now fear for their future and are trying to move out of the city centre towards areas such as Broughton.

"This has caused a whole atmosphere in the homeless community," he said.

"Those not from the UK are very worried. All the homeless charities are working flat out to come up with a solution that will benefit everyone, which is really hard to do."

Mr Oates is keen for anybody who doesn't wish to contact police on 101 to email rickyoates62@gmail.com

Report it: Navrita Atwal,  
chief executive of the Milton  
Keynes Equality Council



## Hate crimes increase since Brexit win

REPORTS of hate crime in the city have risen by 10 per cent since the EU referendum, according to the Milton Keynes Equality Council.

Navrita Atwal, chief executive of the council, has slammed those who have 'misunderstood' the Brexit victory and outlined shocking instances of abuse in schools and workplaces.

She said: "We have had a

mixture of reports, but many are coming from Bletchley.

"We have been told of instances of the Romanian community being told to 'go home, you don't belong'. The Polish have had an increase in abuse in the workplace and on the streets.

"We have had an increase in schools where children have been abusing one another, telling each other

to 'go home, you don't belong'."

Despite the recent rise, Mrs Atwal has stressed MK is a 'tolerant' place in comparison to other areas, but urged victims of hate crimes to come forward and not 'suffer in silence'.

She added: "Please report it – you can go to the police, your local councillor or parish council, or use The Hate Crime Network app."

## Police view on the rise

THAMES Valley Police insists the link between recent hate crimes and the referendum is 'very small'.

A police spokesman said: "We wish to encourage confidence in reporting these offences."

"We have in the last week seen a rise in the number of hate incidents and crimes reported. These are not in a specific area or against a particular group."

"The number of reported incidents which appear related to the referendum vote are very small."

## Council leader calls for unity

MILTON Keynes Council leader Pete Marland has spoken of his shock after the increase in racial crimes in the city.

Cllr Marland, pictured, called on people to unite and respect other people.

He said: "The past week has been one of the most tumultuous in living memory."

"I did not vote to leave the EU."

"I'm disappointed with the result. However the result must be respected by

all sides.

"Milton Keynes is, and will always remain, an open, friendly and outward looking city."

"I am shocked and appalled that a tiny minority of people appear to believe that the result is a vindication of some hateful, xenophobic ideas."

He added that the authority was working with police and other groups to ensure the city remained one of tolerance.



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Proposals: David Foster, chief executive of The Parks Trust, has outlined plans for the city's green spaces

# Green space plan

THE Parks Trust outlined its 12-month plan for Milton Keynes at its annual public meeting last Wednesday.

The organisation has ploughed a record £7.5million into the upkeep of parks and landscapes throughout the last year, so OneMK reporter SCOTT KIRK takes a look at what we can look forward to in 2016-17

**1 Redevelopment of Willen Lake:** A 'splash pad' with 'waterplay facilities' will be created at Willen Lake subject to planning permission. The main bowl will be remodelled and the car park extended.

**2 Campbell Park café and community building:** A café and community building will mean that bigger events can be organised.

**3 Adventure golf:** There are hopes of building an adventure golf course at Furzton Lake.

**4 Floodplain Forest:** The 48-hectare site in the Ouse Valley Park is due to

open officially in August.

**5 Stanton Low Park:** Due to come into The Parks Trust control and includes the ancient woodland Joan's Piece and the ruins of St Peter's Church.

**6 Restoring Linford Manor:** A £2.5million grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund will help restore this historical building.

**7 More major green spaces:** With the continuing growth of Milton Keynes, the trust's chief executive David Foster said it was important green spaces were accounted for in the expansion plans.

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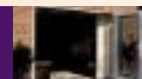


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She's behind you: EastEnders star Samantha Womack will star in this year's MK Theatre pantomime Dick Whittington. The actress will be playing the baddie for the first time in her panto career

# Queen of panto

BY JESSICA DUNCAN  
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**AN EASTENDERS star will lead the cast in this year's pantomime at Milton Keynes Theatre.**

Samantha Womack will play the evil Queen Rat in Dick Whittington, running from December 8 to January 14.

As well as her current role as the feisty Ronnie Mitchell in the BBC soap, Samantha's TV credits include Forgiven, The Last Detective, Strange, Judge John Deed, The Grimleys, Mount Pleasant, Home Again

and the popular Game On series.

She has also appeared in numerous films including the box office hit Kingsman: The Secret Service, One Night In Istanbul and Dead Man's Cards.

Samantha is no stranger to panto but this year will be her first time as the 'baddie'.

She said: "I'm really looking forward to playing the dastardly villain in Dick Whittington."

"I love panto and being the baddie means I get the best and biggest response from the audience with all the

boos of course!

"It will also be lovely for me as I live in Bedfordshire and MK is my local theatre so I'm really looking forward to seeing you all there, young and old, to join Dick on his big adventure!"

Featuring sensational songs, a live band, dazzling dance routines, slapstick comedy and bags of audience participation, Dick Whittington is guaranteed to be full of wonder to delight audiences of all ages.

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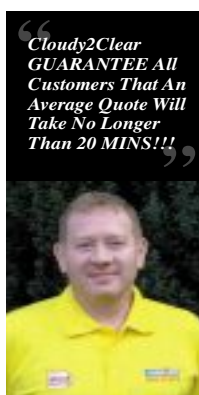
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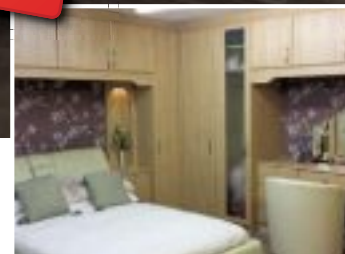


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# Faces to watch out for at the Olympics

IT IS just over four weeks until the Olympics begin in Rio, Brazil, and there is a wealth of Milton Keynes talent that will be looking to pick up medals in the South American continent. When the games start on August 5 there won't be a GB handball team, which is the sport the city's Bobby White competed in, and table tennis star Andrew Baggaley has not qualified. But there is still plenty to look forward to and here OneMK looks at those to watch out for and when they will be competing.

## Cycling

FORMER Team Keyne rider Ian Stannard will be supporting Team GB's claim for medals in the road cycling.

The men's cycling road race takes place from 1.30pm British time on Saturday, August 6 when Ian will be looking to propel Chris Froome to Team GB glory. The time trials are on Wednesday, August 10 and they begin at 12.30pm our time.

Aspley Guise rider Ryan Owens has also been named as a reserve rider in the team sprint events.

The team sprint and individual finals of the men's sprint take place on Thursday, August 11 and Saturday, August 14 at 8pm.



## Jump to it

GREG Rutherford won a sensational long jump gold medal in London four years ago and has triumphed in everything since, including the World, European and Commonwealth titles.

Qualifying for the long jump final takes place on Saturday, August 14 between 12.20am and 3.25am British time (Brazil is four hours behind the UK).

The final takes place 24 hours after qualifying from midnight to 3.15am our time on Sunday, August 15.

Rutherford's form has been pretty much flawless so far this year and he has recovered from a recent neck injury so he has a great chance of medalling.

## Adcocks

ALL of the badminton players in Team GB are based in Milton Keynes given the sport's headquarters is in Loughton Lodge.

Chris and Gabby Adcock represent our best chance of a medal as they are ranked seventh in the world, while Rajiv Ouseph also has an outside chance. Medal hopes seem very slim for Team GB given that the country has only ever won two badminton medals, but the Adcocks' Superseries win last year could stand them in good stead.

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**Stolen: Barbara Bell, kneeling, with the gardening volunteers at Ousebank Gardens**

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But despite being built in January, no date or location

He said: "People in their 80s and 90s who had parents fight in the First World War are going to be dead by the time it is erected."

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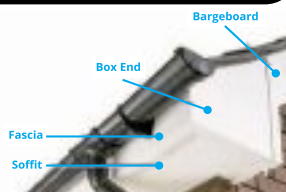
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# Eurotunnel journey home hits the rails

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**A WOMAN who was stuck on the Eurotunnel for six hours has called on authorities to improve their emergency procedures.**

Aggie Animucka, 28, who lives in Blue Bridge, was using the service on Thursday as she returned from holiday in Germany with her partner.

The journey was supposed to take half an hour but problems started after just 15 minutes.

Following an issue with the brakes on the train, Aggie had to be evacuated along with the 400 other passengers.

They were then taken back to France to clear the tunnel and were made to wait on the train before they were able to set off again to Folkestone.

Aggie said that while she was calm herself, she could imagine it being scary for other passengers, particularly those who may have had children with them.

"It was really hot as we were waiting but the staff were



**A long wait: Aggie Animucka stuck on the Eurotunnel train**

helpful and tried to do their best," said Aggie, who works for translation company K International, which is based in Knowlhill.

"People were changing into summer clothes while they were on the train because it was so hot.

"Nothing like that has happened in years but it isn't

acceptable for us to be underground for six hours. There must be something wrong with their procedures.

"The staff on the ground were really helpful and people understood really well the security measures that had to take place.

"Some people we were talking to had to go to Scotland."

Aggie ended up getting home at 3am instead of 9.30pm, which meant their journey took a total of 18 hours.

The journey was made all the worse for Aggie, who originates from Poland, as the Eastern European country was playing Portugal in Euro 2016 while the nightmare journey unfolded, meaning she missed the game.

"I'm a supporter of the team when my country plays so I had people telling me what was happening," Aggie said.

Because of the incident there were delays on the Eurotunnel throughout the weekend, which caused misery for people trying to get to France to watch other Euro 2016 matches.

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# Cat owners' fears after feline fatality

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CAT owners in Wolverton are scared to let their pets out following the brutal killing of a feline in the town.

OneMK reported last week of the bludgeoning of Rat, who belonged to a family who live in Cambridge Street.

It is believed that the culprit(s) used a rock and sticks to kill the cat.

Rose Hurley, who lives in Buckingham Street, was one of the people who found the feline in the alley and told the family about what had happened.

She is one of many people in Wolverton who are now too scared to let their cats out for fear that their beloved pets will receive similar treatment.

"I just don't understand how anyone could do that to a cat," said Rose, who owns

17-year-old Candy. "Being an animal lover and thinking that there are people in the area who would do that has really put me off the area."

"Because of what has happened I don't like letting my cat out of the house now because it worries me that the same thing could happen to Candy."

"It would be good to warn people over what has happened."

OneMK was also contacted by another reader, who wished to remain anonymous and said she was also afraid to let her cat out in Wolverton after the brutal attack on Monday, June 27 between 5.30pm and 5.35pm.

The RSPCA is continuing to look into what happened.

Witnesses are being asked to call the RSPCA on 0300 1234 999 if they have any information.



Upset: Rose Hurley with her cat Candy

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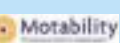
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## Residents vote in referendum

A REFERENDUM of a different kind was organised in Woburn Sands as residents voted overwhelmingly against Wavendon Properties Ltd's plan to build 200 houses.

Milton Keynes South MP Iain Stewart was present as people placed votes in ballot boxes, with 158 people opposed to the development and just three in support of it.



**No go: Residents in Woburn Sands held a referendum against plans to build 200 houses**

## Talks on future of hospital 'underway'

**BY CHRIS KNIGHT**

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**DISCUSSIONS on the controversial plans for Milton Keynes University Hospital are now 'underway'.**

As OneMK previously reported, fears are mounting over proposals made in The Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes Healthcare Review.

It recommended almost doubling the number of

births at the hospital by transferring mums-to-be from Bedford.

The multi-million pound review was 'paused' ahead of the EU referendum.

A review spokesman said: "Discussions are now underway with NHS England and Strategic Transformation Plan (STP) partners and are expected to continue throughout the summer."

"Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes CCGs (clinical com-

missioning groups] both recognise that the uncertainty surrounding the review is unsettling for local people, patients and hospital staff and remain fully committed to working closely with NHS England and STP partners to provide clarity on timescales and next steps as soon as possible."

The review also proposes downgrading Bedford's A&E department for MK to become a major emergency unit.

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# Trust wishes for a mile of smiles

**Quids in: Team Henry, clockwise, David Huckle, Laura Wickham and Lisa and Chloe Roberts launch the campaign**



**BY JESSICA DUNCAN**  
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ONEMK'S charity of the year, The Henry Allen Trust, is trying to raise more than £70,000 to create special memories for young people and families battling childhood cancer.

The Bletchley-based charity has unveiled its Mile of Smiles campaign to help support its treats and wishes programme.

Director and founder Dawn Allen said: "Our treats and wishes programme provides families with a little dose of Henry's happiness during some very dark times.

"For some it could be a laptop or iPad so they can keep in touch with their friends and families during periods of isolation, it may be a family break away where they can just be together and make some special memories.

"So far this year we

have already granted 36 treats and wishes and we are receiving on average four new applications per week.

"This needs funding so we can continue to make that difference to these families. These precious moments that we sometimes take for granted are invaluable to the families we support."

Parent Ravi Sandhu told how the scheme cheered up his little boy with a break to Woburn Centre Parcs.

"Harry really enjoyed his break from treatment and away from home," he said. "Team Henry you have succeeded in putting a smile on a poorly little boy's face."

The campaign is based around creating a 'mile' of £1 coins. When laid edge to edge the coins equate to more than £70,000, which should fund the treats and wishes programme for two years.

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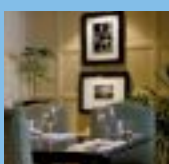
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**Mead Centre: Alison Shaw and Jenny Mills are raising money for a community centre in Newport Pagnell**

## Raising cash for community hall

A SUMMER Extravaganza will be held in aid of the Mead Centre in Newport Pagnell to raise money for its new community hall.

The event will take place at The Church of Christ the Cornerstone in Central Milton Keynes from 7pm on July 15, with tickets costing £15.

So far, £161,000 has been raised towards the new building in High Street and £660,000 is needed.

# Child poverty needs sorting, says charity

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**A CHARITY is calling on councillors and the Government to address the problem of child poverty.**

Money Matters, a charity which helps people in debt, says 24.8 per cent of children in Milton Keynes live in poverty and has called on Milton Keynes Council and the Government to intervene. Denise Niel, centre manager

for Money Matters, which is based in Kingston, said: "This week new government figures showed that over 200,000 more children are living in poverty – taking the total number to 3.9million of our children.

"This is unacceptable.

"Those statistics represent real kids – some of whom live in our local

community – who are missing out on the basics they need to thrive, like school trips, having friends over for tea, clothes that fit or a warm enough house."

A spokesman for the council said: "We are committed to supporting all children and families in Milton Keynes, particularly our most vulnerable."

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# Centre revamp is now a reality

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A £1.5MILLION scheme to redevelop Woughton Leisure Centre opened to the public on Monday.

1Life, which runs the centre and six others in Milton Keynes, has completely overhauled the facility.

One of the most exciting developments is an 'immersive cycling' experience that transports the biker into a virtual reality world where they can workout.

The gym has been refurbished, while there is an upstairs space where virtual instructors can teach classes, a crèche so that parents can keep their babies close while they workout and a multi-functional room for more relaxed classes such as yoga. An inflatable obstacle course will also be left in the sports hall.

Neil King from Oakgrove, who is the managing director of 1Life, said: "Many leisure centres look tired and under-invested so we have brought these facilities up to



Imagine that: Instructor Garth Rose on one of the 'immersive cycling' bikes at the redeveloped Woughton Leisure Centre

date, which means we can increase participation."

Woughton Leisure Centre in Leadenhall is the first leisure centre in the world to use the immersive cycling and just the third place in the UK.

People can cycle through the streets of San Francisco and other places in the world, or they can cycle through a make-believe land on one of the cinema-size screens.

The aim is to stop people thinking about their workout

as they immerse themselves in this other world.

In the space where the cycling takes place there are around 50 bikes to create a real group experience.

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# Work underway on retail development

BY CHRIS KNIGHT  
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**WORK** is progressing on a new retail development that will include a new Asda food-store.

Building work started at the site in Texel Close, Oakridge Park, in February and is set to be completed this summer by construction company Simons Group.

In addition to Asda, the site will also include seven retail units, three bus stops, car parking areas and new roads on the recently constructed residential estate.

Simons Group has invited children from two local schools to Oakridge Park to paint the hoardings surrounding their works on behalf of developers Newcrest.

Children from Stanton School joined the project team recently to start the art-works with students from Pepper Hill School in Bradville decorating the remaining hoarding space.

Local artist Neil Keane of Arkade Graphics created the outline of the artwork incor-



**Construction: Work is underway on the retail development in Oakridge Park that will include an Asda and seven retail units**

porating the three winning designs from each school and helping out with the very high parts.

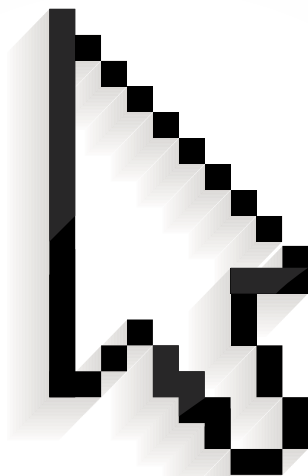
Pete Lindsay, business manager of Pepper Hill & Stanton Federation said of the visits: "The children had an enjoyable and creative experience which inspired them, not only with their creativity but one or two have decided that construction may be the chosen career for them!"

"The children were very

keen to identify the sections of the finished mural that they had designed themselves."

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**Before and after: Laurence Male from Woburn Sands has lost an incredible seven stone**



# The shrinking man

BY SCOTT KIRK

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**A RESIDENT is celebrating after shedding an astounding seven stone and changing his relationship with food.**

After holidaying with his family in 2015 and being unable to climb a mountain without being severely out of breath, Laurence Male from Woburn Sands vowed it would be the last year his weight would stand in the way of doing things he loved.

Encouraged by his mum, who was already a member of

the WeightWatchers group in Woburn Sands that meets on a Wednesday evening, Laurence attended and has not looked back since.

Since joining he has not only lost seven stone, he has also developed a love of cycling and recently completed the London to Brighton bike ride.

Laurence has transformed himself and his eating habits, managing his portion sizes, sticking to his calorie intake and picking up hints, tips and advice from other members at the meeting.

Laurence said: "I can't begin

to tell you how much better I feel as a result of losing seven stone. From increased energy to loads more confidence; I've never felt better.

"I'd encourage other people in Woburn Sands who are thinking about losing weight to come along to a meeting.

"There's no magic trick or shortcut to gaining a healthier, slimmer shape, it's about adopting a healthier lifestyle for good. What makes all the difference is the motivation and good advice I got and the support and encouragement we all give each other in the meeting."



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# William's film aims to raise awareness

**BY SCOTT KIRK**

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**A STUDENT has been shortlisted in a national film competition that aims to raise awareness of carbon monoxide poisoning.**

William Horsefield from Bolbeck Park, who studies film at Wolverhampton University's School of Art, beat off stiff competition to be one of six national finalists in the contest run by leading CO awareness campaign Project SHOUT.

The 21-year-old will have his film premiered at an exclusive private screening in London in September, where the winner will be announced, but needs readers' votes to pick up the £2,500 prize.

He said: "I found out about the competition on Facebook and was keen to take part."

"I had heard about carbon monoxide before but hadn't realised how dangerous it could be. I chose animation as I wanted the video to appeal to the target audience of families while also not being too frightening for children to watch."



**Carbon monoxide: Project SHOUT campaign director Jessica Whitworth and William Horsefield, who has a shortlisted film**

The competition was launched in January, challenging film students across the UK to create an informative, short film that will educate on the dangers of CO poisoning and how families can protect themselves with a simple and affordable alarm.

Known as the silent killer, carbon monoxide takes the lives of about 50 people in the UK every year, when it leaks from boilers, cookers, fires

and other appliances that burn fuels like gas and coal.

Tracy McCoy, head of department of film, media and broadcasting at the University of Wolverhampton, said: "It is pleasing to see William's film made the final shortlist."

All shortlisted films are now on the Project SHOUT website. To vote and find out more about Project SHOUT visit [www.projectshout.com](http://www.projectshout.com)

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## Lessons in better child behaviour

A TEACHER has launched a business to help children as a positive behaviour consultant and a parenting coach.

Anne Goldsmith, of Two Mile Ash, has launched Behaviour First Consultancy with the aim of delivering personalised one-to-one support through a behaviour transformation programme.

By working with children, she aims to teach them how to understand, control and express their emotions to avoid situations escalating out of control.

She said: "As a qualified teacher, having worked in the classroom, I understand the impact that challenging behaviour has on the learning that takes place for every child in the class.

"I solve the problem of challenging behaviour in schools and in homes.

"I am passionate about every child feeling valued, learning and achieving their full potential. That's why I have spent the past year setting up my own business as a positive behaviour consultant and parenting coach."

Video games is a common issue among parents and Anne has offered her top five tips to limit your child's gaming, which you can read at [onemk.co.uk](http://onemk.co.uk)

Speaking about the goals for her business, she added: "By solving the problem of challenging behaviour in schools and in homes, I will raise pupils' academic achievement, improve end of year levels for schools, Ofsted reports and therefore create happy headteachers, teachers, staff, children and parents."



Strapping facility: Mayor Steve Coventry, mayoress Mayoress Liane Lacey and Jemma Barnes cut the bra on the Eloise Lingerie suite

## New bra fitting suite hopes to measure up

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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**A SUPPLIER of lingerie and swimwear for ladies who have undergone breast surgery has opened a new fitting suite in the city.**

Believed to be the only one of its kind in Milton Keynes, women can book a private one-to-one appointment for a bespoke lingerie, swimwear or prosthesis fitting in a comfortable and relaxed environment.

In a twist to the traditional ribbon cutting ceremony, a bra was cut by mayor Steve Coventry and mayoress Liane

Lacey to launch the purpose-built facility at Eloise Lingerie in Furzton last Monday.

Manager Jemma Barnes said: "It has been our dream for several years to be able to have a bespoke fitting suite, tastefully decorated with relaxing and calm surroundings for ladies to come to at a convenient time for themselves to be fitted for lingerie, breast forms and swimwear.

"We are absolutely delighted to have made this dream a reality and look forward to welcoming our post-surgical ladies through the door very soon."

Until now Eloise products and services were only available online, but it is hoped

those who have previously struggled to find this type of bespoke service outside of a medical environment will take advantage of the fitting suite.

Typically following breast surgery or a mastectomy many ladies find it daunting having a bra fitted in a high street store. It is also difficult for them to find an attractive selection of suitable lingerie and swimwear designed to work with their post-surgery needs.

At the fitting suite customers will be able to choose from a wide selection of lingerie and swimwear and get advice on the fit and best styles for them according to their requirements.

## Spy centre's mission for good reviews

A SPY activity centre has received a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence.

Si5 SpyMissions in Winterhill was given the award after earning good reviews from visitors over the last year.

MD Bob Richardson said: "We aim to make sure that everyone who walks through our doors has the best experience from start to finish, as we want people to go away and tell their friends about us.

"Word of mouth business is extremely important to small businesses and I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to leave a review for us."

Certificate of Excellence recipients include places offering accommodation, eateries and attractions located all over the world that have continually delivered a quality customer experience.

Heather Leisman, vice president of industry marketing at TripAdvisor, said: "This recognition helps travellers identify and book properties that regularly deliver great service."

"TripAdvisor is proud to play this role in helping travellers feel more confident in their booking decisions."

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## Cash free taxi journeys

A TAXI company has rolled out the first in-vehicle paying system where you can use Apple Pay or PayPal as well as your credit or debit card. Speedline, in Old Wolverton, has been trialling the new scheme for a month and has already had a great response from customers. A spokesman said: "It is becoming very popular. "And for those going on a night out it is really useful and is being used by many young people. "There is now no need to

stop off at a cashpoint during your journey, which is beneficial to us as well as the customer. "We are the first company in Milton Keynes to offer the PayPal and Apple Pay options." Apple Pay is a mobile payment and digital wallet service provided by Apple that lets users make payments using the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus and Apple Watch. PayPal is an online money transfer service that can be accessed from a mobile device.

## How did bikes end up in MK?

**THE city's version of London's Boris Bike scheme has arrived. Here, Milton Keynes City Centre Management (MKCCM) outlines how it brought the Santander Cycles initiative to the area and why**

**IN 2014 Melanie Beck, city centre manager of MKCCM, was told 'you'll never make a cycle hire scheme work in MK'. Challenge accepted.**

For a while MKCCM had seen the benefit of a cycle hire programme for the city centre and the team contacted potential sponsors and operators with the aim of a scheme from Station Square to Campbell Park.

Then came a chance conversation with a Santander contact.

Having just agreed to sponsor the London scheme, Santander was keen to

expand elsewhere. It wanted to make sure it was not a 'one trick pony' and with Milton Keynes being the location of its main head office, this was the perfect opportunity.

MKCCM set about securing an operator and began working with partners including intu, Land Securities and Milton Keynes Development Partnership to ensure stations were situated in key locations without any issues.

Now, with more than £2million of private investment secured, hundreds of bicycles are available for hire at more than 40 stations.

Melanie said: "We are thrilled after overcoming so many obstacles, the scheme has finally launched.

"A facility of this size is a tremendous addition to MK and we hope it will provide employees, residents and visitors with a simple, sustainable and enjoyable way of travelling around."

The scheme will be officially launched by former F1 world champion Jenson Button today.

Iain Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South, added: "Hopefully this can be a game changer and we will see more people taking to two wheels, whether it be for work or nice bike rides."

Elsewhere, MKCCM has won funding to develop a Business Improvement District (BID) for the city centre.

A BID is an area where a levy is charged on business-rate payers to fund projects to benefit local companies.

### CYCLES IN NUMBERS

- 500 – the number of bikes in the scheme in the city
- £60 – yearly subscription
- 42 – docking stations, set to increase to 50 shortly
- £1 – cost of pay-as-you-ride for every 30 minutes



## Winners of awards are 'pioneers'

TWO businesswomen have won national CBI First Women Awards.

Hilary Chipping, pictured above, deputy chief executive and head of infrastructure for the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP), received her award in the public service category. Science and technology winner, Dr Claire Guest, pictured below, picked up her award in recognition of her work with Medical Detection Dogs.

Jan Flawn, who nominated the women, said they were pioneers who were trailblazing the cause of women in business.



## Carving up a fresh start

TWO businessmen have had their dream come true as they are soon to open a carvery together.

They hope the restaurant and pub will attract all ages and families to the recently refurbished Red House Inn in Wolverton Road, Newport Pagnell.

Adrian Tookey and Alan Evans-Jones, who both used

to work in London, hope to open the Inn this month.

As well as a seven day carvery there will also be a menu on offer, real ales, craft beer, cider and more.

Mr Tookey said they will get their produce from local butchers and brewers.

"Our aim in starting this business is to work with and support other local

businesses within Newport Pagnell and the local area," he said. "We will be using meat from G J Douglas Butchers on the High Street."

The 48-year-old added: "The former pub was really run down so it is nice to bring it up to scratch for families and residents."

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## Can you solve the clues to escape room?

A LIBRARIAN has taken a secret government document and you are trapped in his office trying to find it.

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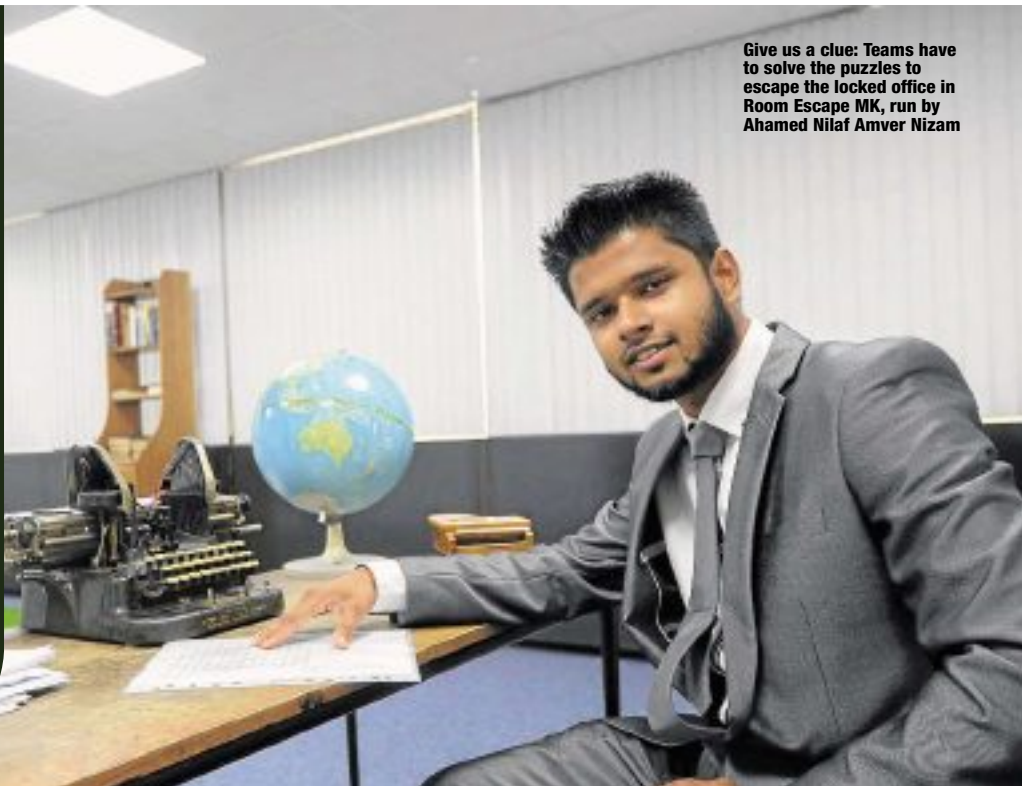
That is the scenario Room Escape MK has been playing out for three months at Regency Court, off North Fifth Street in Central Milton Keynes, and now the attraction is planning to expand.

Currently it is operating from one office that gamers need to escape from, but the aim is to open up another room to provide more challenges for visitors.

Manager Ahamed Nilaf Amver Nizam said: "We're doing really well."

"A live game is a different experience and the feedback has been great because most people have really enjoyed it."

Give us a clue: Teams have to solve the puzzles to escape the locked office in Room Escape MK, run by Ahamed Nilaf Amver Nizam



## business round-up

### National Locums

MILTON Keynes-based medical recruiter National Locums has appointed Sam Varney as nursing sales manager.

### Award nomination

JAN Flawn from PJ Care Ltd in Bletchley has been short-listed in the UK Private Business Awards 2016.

### The Crown Estate

Leading UK real estate business The Crown Estate, which owns MK1, announced another record income return of £304.1m to the Treasury for public finances, up 6.7 per cent on 2015.

### Cranfield challenge

STUDENTS from Walton High, Shenley Brook End and Lord Grey schools and the Hazeley Academy took part in the Cranfield Business Challenge. Run by Cranfield's Centre for Customised Executive Development (CCED), students were told to buy and launch a product and increase the net worth of their company by the end of the day.

# Student stands out from crowd

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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A TRAINEE accountant has beaten students from around the world to achieve top 10 results in the latest Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) case study exams.

Charlotte Ashby, 23, from Loughton, studied for the exam with Brierly Price Prior (BPP) in Milton Keynes and achieved a score of 127 out of 150, beating more than 1,100 other registered students.

To become a chartered global management accountant, students need to complete 12 professional qualification exams and acquire three years' experience that can be gained while studying.

Charlotte said: "It was fantastic to be told I had come in the top 10 in the world in this exam. It made all of the hard work and studying worthwhile."

"The exam was really tough but I had a lot of support from both BPP and also from my employer."

"I am progressing down the road to being fully qualified and the exams so far have given me not only the basic management accounting



Success: Charlotte Ashby achieved a score of 127 out of 150, beating over 1,100 other registered students across the world

skills but also helped me understand the wider business context of my work.

"As CIMA is a globally recognised qualification I feel the opportunities available with it are far reaching and it increases my employability."

"Having to gain practical experience within CIMA emphasises a wide range of skills and techniques that I

know will remain with me throughout my working life."

Charlotte attended Berkhamsted School before gaining a degree in mathematics, business management and finance at Queen Mary University of London.

She is currently enrolled on the finance graduate scheme at Whitbread in Dunstable.

## Investing in uncertainty

Nobody can hide from the frenzy following Brexit. The media have clearly focussed heavily on the financial markets, particularly the falls and speedy recovery of the FTSE 100 since the UK voted to leave. It is not surprising that investors have been spooked by the 'uncertainty' around investing at this time. Good financial planning can ensure that your investments stand the test of time, possibly benefitting from short term losses as we have seen over the past week. Our investment strategies have a proven track record of protecting and accelerating wealth even in these difficult times.

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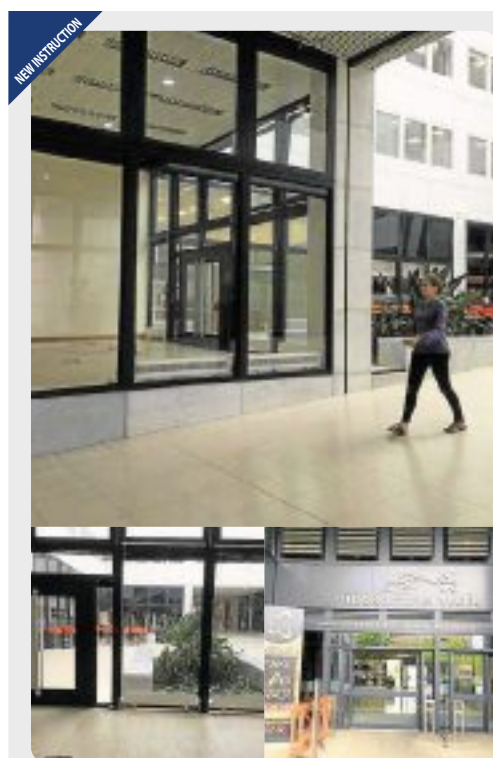
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## Community celebration

**ASPIRING to be as big as Notting Hill Carnival, the Art in the Park Festival is back for its seventh successive year this weekend.**

From 1-7pm on both Saturday and Sunday at Campbell Park, there will be plenty to enjoy with a mix of live music, performances, visual arts, digital art, storytelling and more.

Anouar Kassim, the director of organisers Milton Keynes Islamic Arts Heritage and Culture, said: "Our festival helps develop positive, proactive community relations by bringing together the diverse communities of MK in celebration and enjoyment."

This year will see a unique MK version of Bake Off featuring local participants and students cooking alongside established chefs.

Returning this year is A Parade of Colours, which combines the talents of carnival company Kinetika Bloco and MK-based outdoor arts company Festive Road. The parade will be arriving in Campbell Park at 2pm on Saturday in an explosion of colour and sound.

Children aged between six and nine will be able to create postcards and letters in a workshop for Syrian children living in refugee camps.

Flags inspired by Islamic art and created in sessions at Milton Keynes College led by textile artist Momtaz Begum-Hossain, **pictured**, will also be on display on both days.

In addition, the live music stage will host the Rajasthani Heritage Band, Egyptian and traditional classical Arab music from Jaljala and the six-strong all female jazz troupe Nérja.

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## carnivalparty

**POPULAR festival Electric Daisy Carnival (EDC) is set to explode with colour and sound once again at The National Bowl on Saturday.**

The line-up this year includes the likes of Avicii, Axwell & Ingrosso, Eric Prydz, Martin Garrix, Martin Solveig, Oliver Heldens and Robin Schulz.

The acts will perform on one of four stages – kineticField, neonGarden, cosmicMeadow and circuitGround – with each representing a mix between nature and technology.

Originating all the way from Las Vegas, EDC dance festivals are expanding, with carnivals currently held in Las Vegas, New York, Puerto Rico, Mexico and the UK.

Tickets for the festival – which starts at 11am – are still available and entry is open to all over 18. For more information, visit [uk.electrictaisycarnival.com/tickets](http://uk.electrictaisycarnival.com/tickets)



## alieninvasion

**HUMANITY is at stake once again as the aliens return in sci-fi sequel Independence Day: Resurgence.**

Twenty years on from Roland Emmerich's smash-hit blockbuster, which famously obliterated the White House, earth has enjoyed a lengthy period of peace and are reaping the rewards of recovered alien technology.

But this time of prosperity comes crashing down when a mother ship – substantially larger than the previous visit – arrives on a revenge mission.

As the catastrophe unfolds, all seems lost and it is up to a new generation to save the planet from annihilation.

Will Smith is noticeably absent, but the likes of Bill Pullman and Jeff Goldblum reprise their roles in an enjoyable sequel that fails to match the heights of the original.

Clichés and cheesy one-liners are abundant throughout and the special effects for the destruction of various cities is impressive.

Finishing within two hours, the film does not outstay its welcome and the stage is inevitably set for a potential third instalment.

But Resurgence fails to replicate the sense of awe and suspense from the original and newcomers Liam Hemsworth, Maika Monroe and Jessie Usher do not entertain as much as their predecessors.

Chris Knight



## peterpan

**THE story of the boy who never grew up will be retold at Stantonbury Theatre this week.**

RARE productions, the UK's largest youth musical theatre company, presents its spin on the classic children's tale.

Performances of Peter Pan – The Musical will be staged at 7.30pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with an additional matinee showing at 2.30pm on Saturday.

Tickets cost £14 for adults and £13 for concessions.

For more information and times, visit [stantonburytheatre.co.uk](http://stantonburytheatre.co.uk) or call the box office on 01908 324466 to book tickets.



## flowerpower

**ENJOY the splendour and history of the Woburn Abbey Gardens with a private garden tour and lunch at the stunning Sculpture Gallery.**

Designed by Humphry Repton, the gardens consist of 30 acres of serene formal and natural areas, from manicured lawns and flower beds to peaceful woodland glades.

Gardens manager Martin Towsey leads the guided tour of the gardens telling of their amazing history, the ongoing restoration work bringing them to life and the inspiration behind the design and planting schemes.

Tickets cost £25.95 and can be booked by calling 01525 292172, or emailing [sales@woburn.co.uk](mailto:sales@woburn.co.uk)



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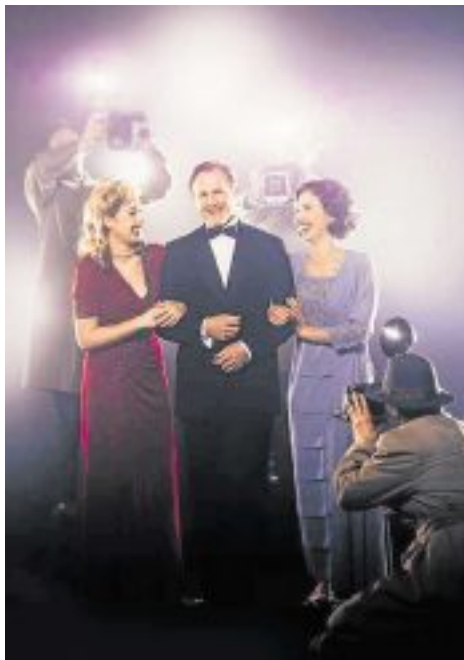
**DOWNTON Abbey star Phyllis Logan and Samuel West headline in Present Laughter at Milton Keynes Theatre from Monday.**

Considered one of Noël Coward's funniest plays, the attention is firmly focused on ageing charmer Garry Essendine as he attempts to free himself from the clutches of would-be lovers before leaving for Africa.

Performances of Present Laughter will be held at 7.30pm Monday to Saturday, with 2.30pm showings on Wednesday and Saturday too.

Tickets are still available with prices beginning at £16.90.

For more information, visit [atgtickets.com](http://atgtickets.com) or call the box office on 0844 871 7652.



**RANGER at Woburn Safari Park BOB STREATFEILD tells MK LIFE readers about the new arrivals on the African Reserve. See pictures of them on our website – [onemk.co.uk](http://onemk.co.uk)**

**HELLO! So much for the summer sunshine, but fortunately that hasn't stopped new arrivals being welcomed out on the African Reserve.**

Keepers have recently added a female brindled wildebeest named Queensley and a female Common eland calf named Queeny to the herds. You can read more about them and how they're settling in at [woburnsafari.co.uk](http://woburnsafari.co.uk)

The giraffe keepers have recently been raising money for the Giraffe Conservation Foundation (GCF) in Africa, which works towards protect-

ing the future of the species in the wild.

The team managed to raise £3,000 for this very important cause – well done guys!

Don't forget, there are still spaces available on my Safari Adventure, where I will take you behind the scenes and give you an insight into the everyday work that goes into caring for all the animals here.

You'll even get to have your picture taken with one of the Asian elephants and get closer than ever to some of your favourite animals on my off-road tour. I hope to see you all soon.

## motusmoment

**MÓTUS is gearing up for its third edition this weekend with a jam-packed two days of free outdoor and theatre performances, workshops and even a club night.**

The Chrysalis Theatre in Willen hosts three performances – Flexer and Sandiland on Saturday and Here Comes Trouble and Adjustments on Sunday, July 16.

Club B-boy at MK Gallery will feature DJs, dancers and disco and there's also plenty of opportunity to dance yourself in MÓTUS' workshop programme.

If that wasn't enough, there are of course a host of outdoor performances in Margaret Powell Square from 1pm and 3pm on Saturday.

For times and costs visit [www.motusdance.co.uk](http://www.motusdance.co.uk)



## fringe festival

**MK FRINGE festival gets underway on Wednesday, July 13 with Roost settling down in Margaret Powell Square at 9am.**

The birds will then take flight to rest in other parts of the city as the festival rolls on.

The festival runs until July 23 with more than 50 events taking place around the city.

You can pick from dark comedy in The Late Night Bed Show at Stantonbury to street performances such as The Hall of Optical Obstacles in City Square.

A full list of events is available on [www.mkfringe.com](http://www.mkfringe.com)



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**Wednesday 13 July, 8pm EVE SELIS BAND**

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### THE Universal Performing Arts (UPA) School is bringing back its popular West End Boot Camp for 2016.

And it has teamed up with MK LIFE to offer one budding actor or actress a space on its course from August 1-5 between 10am and 4pm.

UPA, based in Buckinghamshire, has top West End performers to teach material from top London shows.

And as well as learning stage craft, they will also have a special TV masterclass with school principal, Eastenders star Sam Attwater.

Sam is best known for his role as Leon Small in the BBC soap and also won ITV's Dancing on Ice with his partner Vicky Ogden in 2011.

At the end of the boot camp, being held at Milton Keynes Academy in Leadenhall, the students will perform their very own showcase at the Venue Theatre MK at Walton High in Walnut Tree at 6.30pm on Saturday, August 6.

If you think you have what it takes to be part of the West End Boot Camp all you need to do is answer the following question:

**When did Sam Attwater win Dancing on Ice?**

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To enter log onto [www.onemk.co.uk/competitions](http://www.onemk.co.uk/competitions) Alternatively send your answer, name, address and daytime telephone number to OneMK, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU by noon on Wednesday, July 13. The editor's decision is final

## cashprize

**OUR new summer game is up and running and already we've had loads of big money winners!**

You could win up to £10,000 every day when we play in Heart's Happy Summer Days and here's how you can win the cash.

At some point during Heart's Happy Hour (weekdays from 11am-2pm), we'll play Heart's Happy Summer Song.

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We had comedian Mark Watson on Heart Breakfast earlier in the week, as we start to get excited about the Milton Keynes International Festival, which is only a couple of weeks away.

Mark will be presenting his new show 'I'm not here at The Stables' Speigelent at South Willen Lake Park on Sunday, July 17.

Finally, don't forget that Thriller Live is on at Milton Keynes Theatre. It's a fantastic show that celebrates the music and career of the King of Pop – Michael Jackson.

If you were one of our ticket winners on heart last week, have a great time.

Tune in to Heart Breakfast with Stuart Miles and Katy Hill on Heart 103.3 FM, DAB, at [heart.co.uk](http://heart.co.uk) or via the Heart mobile app.



## launchparty

**WEST African beats and Nigerian food will be on offer at the opening party for a new exhibition at Milton Keynes Arts Centre on Saturday.**

Do Good Because of Tomorrow is a collaboration between Yinka Ilori, pictured above, and Gifford Park and St Monica's Catholic schools.

The exhibition is part of Common Ground – a 12-month season of five distinct projects with artists Yinka, Ibiye Camp, Tom Dale, Ashleigh Griffith and Cara Davies, which sees them work directly with the community to create new works and establish a connected programme of workshops.

The party will take place at the centre in Great Linford from 1-3pm.





Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

# MKlifeHOTPICKS

## derbydelight

**IF YOU** have had enough of politicians on their soap boxes lately then you will be relieved to know that the soap boxes in Newport Pagnell on Sunday have wheels.

The popular races take place in Silver Street between 10am and 2pm. Many of the carts took part in the carnival parade so you can expect to see traditional boxes alongside boats and tanks hurtling down the hill.



## robbenford

**GUITAR** virtuoso Robben Ford has toured the world with fusion group Tom Scott & The LA Express alongside Joni Mitchell and later with George Harrison on his Dark Horse tour.

In the 1980s he joined the Miles Davies group and developed a signature approach to blue jazz rock.

Now touring with his new album Into the Sun he is set to bring his contemporary song-writing to The Stables in Wavendon on Tuesday at 8pm. Tickets costs £22.50 from [www.thestables.org](http://www.thestables.org)

## farmyardfun

**CHILDREN'S** open day at Hula in Aspley Guise is set to be a tail wagging afternoon out on Sunday.

Canine friends will be the order of the day with a parade of Hula pooches, a police dog demonstration and even a doggie temptation alley.

It's not just all about man's best friends though as you can meet all the other residents of the farm.

The event takes place at Glebe Farm from 1-4pm and entrance is £2 for adults, free for children and of course dogs are welcome.

## greatgiggles

**TIME** of the Month Comedy returns to the Cannon in Newport Pagnell with Joel Dommett headlining with his Edinburgh Preview Show.

Joel is known for reducing sell out audiences into bouts of uncontrollable laughter.

This five-time winner of the Comedy Café competition is not to be missed.

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## Home to a former film star

THE UK is said to be enjoying a golden age of cinema at the moment as more and more Hollywood films are made here including, most recently, My Cousin Rachel. It's currently shooting in Buckinghamshire and is to star Rachel Weisz.

But it's not the first golden age. The 1940s witnessed a significant flowering of British movie talent including a large cast of famous actors such as Cecil Parker.

He played and often starred in nearly 90 films during a career which spanned half a century and worked under famous directors such as Alfred Hitchcock and alongside stars including Sir Alec Guinness and Peter Sellers to name just two.

His most famous films included The Man In The White Suit and The Ladykillers and he was famed for his gravelly voice and cut-glass accent.

He was born in 1897 in Hastings, East Sussex to middle-class parent and, after service in the First World War,



joined the theatre. By the 1930s he was in films, a medium he inhabited until his retirement in 1969. His output was prolific, including latterly as a comic actor in both The Pure Hell Of St Trinians and Carry On Jack.

He ended his career on a crescendo in Oh! What A Lovely War, a film musical directed by Richard Attenborough starring several names that endure today including Maggie Smith, Nanette Newman, Edward Fox and Vanessa Redgrave.

After Oh What a Lovely War, Parker retired and bought a detached house in Brighton, which is now for sale with local estate agent Mishon Welton (01273 778877).

Parker would probably raise a sceptical eyebrow at the price – £1.35 million – but otherwise it's pretty much unchanged since he died in 1971.

It has three reception rooms, five bedrooms and a stunning south-facing garden.

## Blackadder to the rescue?



There is an episode of TV comedy Blackadder starring Rowan Atkinson in which he sells his house by using some very creative but risky sales patter.

This includes, after being challenged by a buyer that he'd really 'worked out his banter', Blackadder replying that "No, not really. This is a different thing. It's spontaneous and it's called wit".

It may be time for Rowan Atkinson to reprieve his role in the TV comedy series, which at its peak during the 1990s pulled in 11 million viewers on average for each episode.

His five-bedroom, Georgian pile in Oxfordshire, which has been on the market since last year, has yet to sell. The Old Rectory includes a swimming pool and a contemporary extension at the back added during the early noughties.

It's a gem for anyone who wants privacy and is

approached via electronic gates and a gravel driveway. For the green fingered there's an original Victorian greenhouse, a formal garden to the front and landscaped gardens to the rear, which run down to the River Thames.

The property was first on the market for £2.9 million but the asking price has slipped a little to £2.65m and Atkinson has also engaged the services of a new agent, the Oxford branch of Cater Jonas (01865 511444).

The property is in the idyllic

village of Waterperry, eight miles outside Oxford and was bought by Atkinson in 1982.

"Rowan has spent a great deal of time sympathetically restoring and enhancing the house," says Mark Charter of Carter Jonas.

"All the original rooms to the front of the property retain plenty of character with high ceilings, sash windows and original fireplaces, and the indoor swimming pool complex is incredibly desirable."



## Where Bowles was to the manor born



Warwickshire, near Rugby. Bowles' father was both butler and chauffeur to the viscount and he and his parents lived in an estate cottage nearby.

In his 2010 autobiography, Ask Me If I'm Happy: An Actor's Life, Bowles says he returned to the cottage many years later when doing a publicity shoot and was presented with Margesson family paperwork documenting his birth.

The cottage, which is in Upper Boddington in Warwickshire, is up for sale for £700,000 with agent Purple Bricks (0800 8108008). It has five bedrooms and has been extended and refurbished, including the addition of a 10-car garage.

But if the cottage is a bit small for you then there's a larger home for sale around the corner: Boddington Hall, where both Bowles' parents worked, is also for sale for only £125,000 more with Strutt and Parker (01295 297106).

straightened circumstances. De Vere, a rich businessman, moves into her old home and the series tracked their ongoing rivalries and eventual marriage.

It was the Downton Abbey of its day and made a star of Bowles. But before fame beckoned, Bowles' life started out with close ties to a real manor: He was born to parents who were in service to the 1st Viscount Margesson, who lived in Boddington Hall in

ACTOR Peter Bowles is remembered best for his role as Richard De Vere in TV series To The Manor Born, the hugely-popular sitcom that dominated the television schedules from 1979 to 1981.

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## It's had a whole lotta love

THIS suburban house in the back streets of a famous seaside town hides connections to one of the world's most rock-and-roll bands, Led Zeppelin.

It was once the home of Peter Grant, band manager extraordinaire and most famously the person who helped steer Led Zeppelin to huge success. He also looked after other artists including Chuck Berry, Little Richard, Bad Company and The Yardbirds.

Grant was described in one documentary as "one of the shrewdest and most ruthless manager in rock history" and it's said that Led Zeppelin's success outside the recording studio was mostly down to him.

He negotiated the band's lucrative five-album contract with Atlantic Records and he's also why Led Zeppelin's TV appearances were rare; Grant believed in live performances as the best way to promote albums.

A hulk of a man, Grant had been an actor before getting into band management and later became famous in his own right when he took a starring role in the 1976 Led Zeppelin



rockumentary The Song Remains the Same.

In 1989 he retired from band management, overcame a cocaine addiction, lost a lot of weight and moved to Eastbourne – a far cry from his rock and roll

years – but died in 1995 from a heart attack.

His Eastbourne home remained in the Grant family until 2013 but is now for sale with agent Strutt & Parker (01273 475411) for £1 million. The house has been extensively refurbished and has been featured in several interior design magazines. It is also due to feature in a Channel 4 property programme later this year.

Fittingly, the house now features a hand-carved circular stairway, although it only leads to its four bedrooms and bathrooms, not to heaven.

## Familiar as a television location



off-site, which the production will usually pay for," he says.

One person who knows all about this is the owner of a three-bedroom fishing lodge in Hertfordshire, which will be familiar to many crime series fans.

Appearances include half a dozen well-known BBC and ITV murder mysteries including an episode of BBC1's Waking The Dead and an episode of Midsomer Murders.

It is not hard to see why. It's in an idyllic position overlooking the River Chess and is accessed via a pretty wooden bridge. It's part of the Chorleywood Estate created by stockbroker John Barnes during the 1820s to a design by John Papworth, the founder of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

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says. "A property needs to be accessible for large items of equipment and offer good parking facilities".

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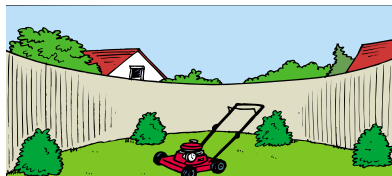
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**By: Ian Johnson**

DUCATO is an old Italian name for a gold coin – one which has paid dividends for FIAT Professional.

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It also sets the standard for motorhome base vehicles, accounting for 75 per cent of motorhomes sold in Europe with more than 600,000 on the road to date.

To retain its leading role the Ducato was completely restyled in 2014 to accommodate the new requirements of customers, offering more technology, more efficiency and more value, as well as improvements in performance, active and passive safety, infotainment, durability, robustness and running costs.

For 2016 the Ducato improves even further thanks to the introduction of a comprehensive range of Euro 6 engines, using a Low Pressure Exhaust Gas Recirculation system (LPEGR) to lower NOx emissions without the complexity, added weight and additional costs associated with using emission additives.

LPEGR functions by channeling exhaust gasses away after particulate filtration, cooling them through a low-pressure EGR cooler and then

recirculating them in advance of the turbo charger.

Fiat says this solution is ideal for goods transport and campers where simplicity, reduced weight and low running costs are of paramount importance.

The FIAT Professional Ducato also benefits from the addition of a new 2.0-litre 115hp MultiJet II LPEGR engine to replace the current Euro 5 2.3-litre MultiJet 110hp.

Offering up to 47.9mpg on the official combined cycle and CO2 emissions of just 157g/km, this new entry-level engine represents a significant downsizing compared to the engine it replaces but employs FIAT Professional's latest technologies to offer improved efficiency and lower running costs while improving performance and refinement.

Similarly, the top-of-the-range 3.0-litre 180hp engine has also been replaced by a new 180hp 2.3-litre MultiJet II Power LPEGR, resulting in a considerable improvement in fuel efficiency and emissions (46.3mpg on the official combined cycle and 160g/km), while the core 2.3-litre MultiJet 130hp and 150hp engines also adopt the LPEGR technology.

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## Nissan Pulsar DIG-T 115

By: Ian Johnson

AMAZING as it may sound there is a high proportion of new drivers out there who have never experienced driving a petrol car.

The rise of the diesel some years ago shunted this once almost universal power option into the sidings but things began to change with a whole new generation of petrol engines, often turbocharged and intercooled that have laid to rest many of the old disadvantages associated with these engines.

The fact that the 1,197cc petrol powered Nissan Pulsar I drove recently has a combined fuel economy figure of 56.5mpg underlines just what the modern petrol engine can do.

And when you look at its performance with a maximum speed of 118mph and a 0-62mph sprint of 10.7 seconds the renaissance of the petrol engine begins to make a lot of sense.

The Pulsar is a compact hatchback which operates in that sector of the market dominated by cars like the VW Golf and Vauxhall Astra.

It is without doubt one of the best kept secrets of the market segment because Nissan has been much better known for the success of cars like the Qashqai crossover and trendy Juke hatchback.

The N-Tec DiG-T 115 version I drove will set you back £19,295 on the road and offers a lot for the money.

For a start, its build quality is excellent, with quality materials used all round and it is a very comfortable car with a ride quality equalling, if not exceeding cars costing more money.

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This Pulsar also features a DAB radio, reversing camera and bang up to date USB and iPod connectivity.

It has the longest wheelbase in its class and rear passenger legroom is nearly 700mm greater than your average family car, offering generous space in the boot.

There are some clever ideas inside such as sculpting out the door trims to create the wide armrests. With a frontal look mirroring in some ways the Qashqai, the whole styling is neat, functional as lacks any sort of cheap gimmickry.

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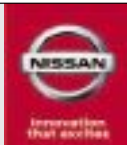
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# ontheroad

## ELECTRIC CAR SALES SET FOR SURGE By: Mike Torpey



ELECTRIC power could be the dominant form of propulsion for all new cars sold in the UK as early as 2027. And according to a forecast by government and industry-backed campaign Go Ultra Low more than 1.3m electric cars will be registered each year. The campaign collated data from multiple electric car sales reports and forecasts and its conclusions have been backed by motoring publication Auto Express, which has reported record high scores for EVs in its car owner survey Driver Power. Electric cars topped the overall best car tables and performed strongly in ease of driving and running costs categories, among others. Auto Express chief Steve Fowler said: "The positivity and appreciation of electric vehicles by their owners in this year's Driver Power survey is suggestive of a step-change in public perception of these vehicles. "We are moving towards a tipping point for electrically-powered cars, so it's entirely possible that by 2027 these vehicles will dominate the market as the top choice for new car buyers." The Plug-in Car Grant began in 2011 with just over 1,000 annual registrations of plug-in cars. Since then record-breaking volumes of EVs have been registered every year and 2015 saw more than 28,000 electric cars registered. This year started with the best period for EV uptake since records began, with UK buyers registering the equivalent of one electric car every 13 minutes.

And with vehicle manufacturers introducing more electric and plug-in hybrid models, the new car market is accelerating towards a point where Go Ultra Low feels plug-in power will overtake petrol and diesel as the dominant fuel type. Poppy Welch, head of Go Ultra Low, said: "The huge interest in electric vehicles and their subsequent rapid rise in uptake has been spectacular so far, with more than 60,000 EVs registered in the past five years. "These rises are just the start of the electric revolution as Go Ultra Low analysis suggests that electric vehicles could dominate the new car market as early as 2027." Go Ultra Low analysed a series of market forecasts and trends for plug-in vehicle uptake considering forecasts by government, the Committee on Climate Change, the RAC Foundation and other industry authorities

## DIESEL DYNAMITE FOR HYUNDAI TUCSON

BY: MIKE TORPEY

HYUNDAI'S best-selling UK model the Tucson compact SUV has been given a fifth powertrain option. An efficient 141PS 1.7-litre turbo diesel with seven-speed double clutch transmission and two-wheel drive is now available to order priced from £24,570 for the SE trim, rising to £29,695 for the Premium SE derivative. The Korean brand's 7DCT system offers a choice between fully automatic operation and sequential manual gear changes. It provides improved fuel efficiency and lower CO2 emissions compared to a six-speed automatic transmission - emitting only 129g/km of CO2



and offering fuel consumption of an average 57.6mpg. For further efficiency, the new powertrain comes with Hyundai's Integrated Stop & Go (ISG) system as standard, which is also available for the 1.7-litre (116PS), and the 2.0-litre 2WD (136PS) diesel engines as well as the 1.6-litre petrol engine.

## SKODA GIVES BUYERS A SPORTING CHANCE BY: MIKE TORPEY



trim treatment. Prices are from £26,490 and the Estate features black gloss roof rails and a body-coloured spoiler. Inside, there is a three-spoke Super Sport multifunction steering wheel with silver stitching, quilted Alcantara sports seats, LED ambient lighting, carbon dashboard trim, aluminium pedals and black headlining. Practicality remains impressive with a 625-litre load area - 660 litres for the estate - and generous passenger space. Three petrol and two diesel engines are up for grabs, with the option of four-wheel drive and six-speed DSG automatic gearbox.

SKODA is giving its customers a sporting chance this summer with the latest addition to its award-winning Superb range. Available as a hatchback or estate, the new Superb SportLine offers an enhanced design highlighted by 19-inch alloy wheels, sports design bumpers, sunset glass, and black gloss

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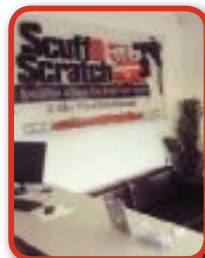
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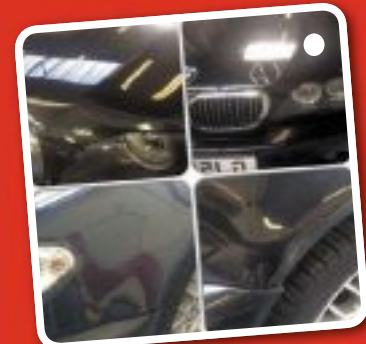
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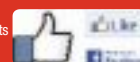
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# on the road

## CATERHAM IN SEVENTH HEAVEN

By: Mike Torpey

CATERHAM'S raucous Seven 620R conquered all comers in the Race Cars for the Road category at last weekend's Goodwood Festival of Speed. The pinnacle of Caterham's range of Sevens blasted up the 1.16-mile Goodwood hillclimb in a best time of 61.76 seconds, beating six other lightweight, track-inspired sports cars that included the Zenos E10R, BAC Mono and Lotus 3-11. Overall, the 620R, piloted by Caterham development driver Jon Barnes, finished third of all supercars that assaulted Lord March's driveway over the weekend and was the fastest non-4WD car to take to the hill. The car's performance was even more impressive because its fastest time was set in tricky, drying track conditions, while many supercars on later runs had a drier road. The Caterham Seven 620R features a supercharged 2.0-litre Ford Duratec engine producing 310bhp and tops the company's range of five Seven models and is the fastest production Seven ever built.

## FORD SWITCHES UP THE ST STYLE By: Mike Torpey



FORD has lifted the wraps on its sporty Mondeo ST-Line model, the latest in a new range inspired by Ford Performance vehicles. The newcomer features sport suspension and body styling, unique alloy wheel designs plus sport seats, a perforated leather steering wheel and alloy pedals. It joins the Fiesta and Focus ST-Line models on display at the Goodwood Festival of Speed this weekend, where Ford is showing a range of performance vehicles ranging from the GT Le Mans race car to the new Fiesta ST200 hot hatch. Fiesta and Focus ST-Line have both been available to order since earlier this month and are designed for enthusiasts who want the hot hatch image without the full-on performance delivered by optimised ST engines and chassis.

Up for grabs in five-door and estate body styles, the Mondeo ST-Line comes with a honeycomb design for the upper and lower front grilles in high-gloss black, LED daytime running lamps with light tube styling and new rectangular fog lamps. Buyers also get a front bumper lip spoiler and sculptured side-skirts in the car's body colour, a sports rear bumper with high-gloss black diffuser-style insert, silver tailpipe surrounds

and lowered suspension. That's in addition to new 18 or 19-inch metallic grey alloy wheels, sports seats with red stitching, a perforated leather ST-style steering wheel and, in the case of the estate, a rear roof spoiler. The engine range includes a 2.0-litre TDCi diesel with 150PS and six-speed manual or six-speed PowerShift automatic transmission offering from 112g/km of CO2 emissions and 65.7mpg economy. There's also a 180PS 2.0-litre diesel with the same transmissions and capable of returning 62.8mpg and emissions of 117g/km. Automatic models also get steering wheel-mounted paddle shifters and four-wheel drive. Ford vice-president Roelant de Waard said: "The new Mondeo ST-Line is our sportiest Mondeo since we introduced the ST220 model in 2002. It adds another dimension to the broad Mondeo line-up that offers options from the fuel-efficient MondeoECONetic and Mondeo Hybrid models, to the exclusive and upscale MondeoVignale. "This year we expect to sell 40,000 performance cars in Europe, a 50 per cent increase compared with 2015, which in turn saw performance car sales rise by 61 per cent compared with 2014." Prices have yet to be announced.

## LISTER'S KNEES-UP FOR STIRLING

By: Mike Torpey

Lister Motor Company is launching a limited run of 10 special edition cars, the Lister Knobbly Jaguar Stirling Moss, each costing a cool £1 million. All will feature a handmade magnesium body and special lightweight specification – just like the original 'works' racing Knobblys of the 1950s.

The cars follow on from an initial run of 10 aluminium-bodied variants – now all sold out – production of which began in 2014 at George Lister Engineering.

Each is built using the same techniques as the original 1950s Knobbly, following the acquisition of Lister Motor Company by Andrew and Lawrence Whittaker in 2013.

The 10 Stirling Moss editions will celebrate Moss's races for Brian Lister in the works racing cars in the 1950s, none of which exist today, and all 10 will feature the same specification as the works car with which Moss won at Silverstone in 1958.



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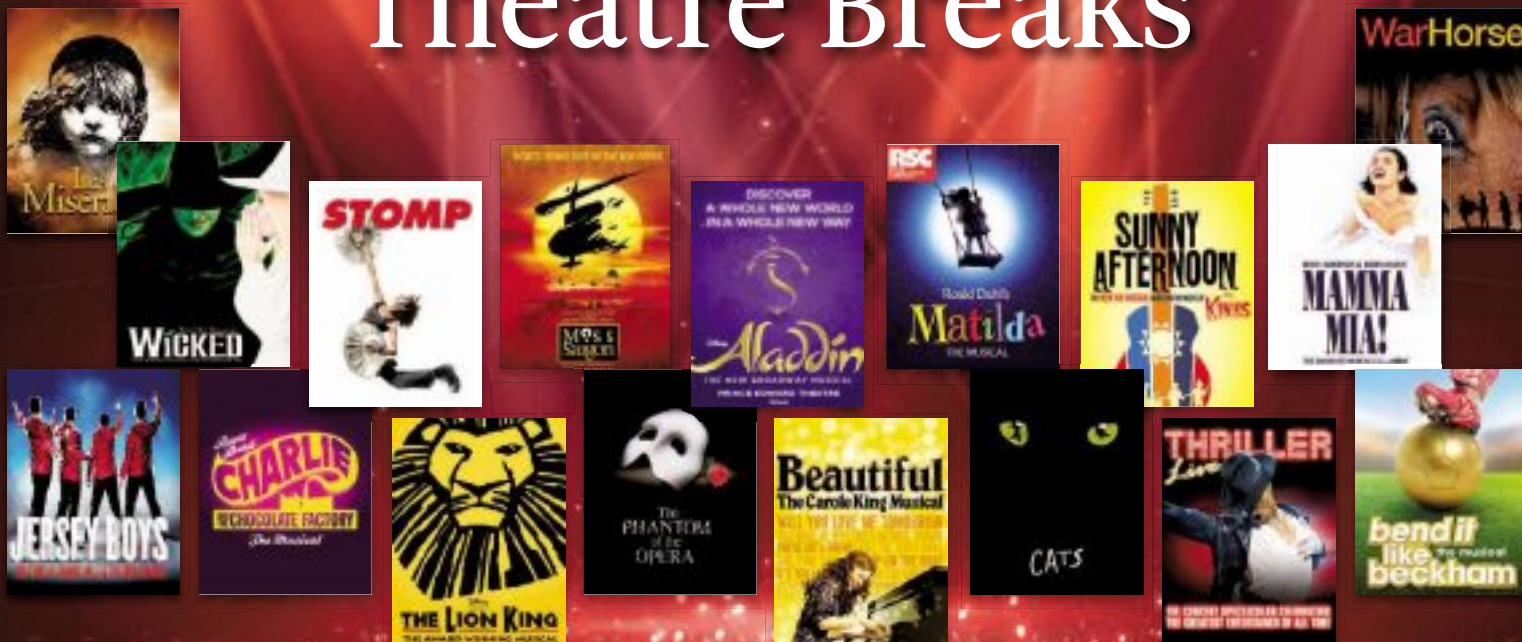
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# MK triumphs at School Games



Winners: A runner from Milton Keynes takes part in the athletics in the School Games

BY SCOTT KIRK

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**THE iconic Stoke Mandeville Stadium played host to 1,300 children on Friday as they competed for medals in the Bucks and Milton Keynes School Games.**

In the first ever games they qualified for, Olney Middle School won the netball, while Middleton Primary School won the girls football for Years Five and Six.

Denbigh School won the Athletics Super 6, while Two Mile Ash School were Bisi Badminton champions.

Oxley Park came second in the swimming, while Lord Grey School picked up the same position in the girls football for years seven and eight.

The event, dubbed a mini-Olympics, has now been running since 1999 but organisers said this year's was particularly special, coming just before the Rio Olympics and Paralympics. In all, 75 schools took part.

There were 13 different sports that pupils took part in, from athletics to swimming, rounders, table tennis and cycling.

Former GB Olympic sprinter Abi Oyepitan, a Commonwealth gold medalist, was special guest star, meeting the children and giving an inspirational speech at the opening ceremony.

The day, organised by Leap (The Bucks & MK Sport and Activity Partnership) in partnership with the county's School Games Organisers, was the culmination of a year-long programme of qualifying competitions.

Val Letheren, chairman of Buckinghamshire County Council who attended as a VIP guest, said: "The whole organisation of the event involving so many children is incredible – it's a huge enterprise."

"The look on the children's faces and the enthusiasm they showed was brilliant. They were really good and very competitive. It was a great day."

Mark Ormerod, director of Leap, said: "We were delighted with the enthusiasm and competitiveness shown by 1,300-plus children at this event."

"It sums up everything that's good in sport and reminds us of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic spirit."

"We had more than 100 young volunteers helping us, which is so reminiscent of the games-makers during 2012."

"This is an iconic venue because the first Paralympics were held here in 1948 and the Paralympic Heritage Flame will be lit here on September 2 in the run-up to the Rio Paralympic games."

"We were pleased to be able to give the athletes of tomorrow a taste of what it's all about."

## CRICKET

### Aspley Guise win first game of the season

ASPLEY Guise won their first game of the season as they defeated New City (Milton Keynes) by two wickets.

New City batted first but Aspley were able to dismiss them for 135.

In reply, Aspley were able to reach their target by the 30th over to gain a first Four Counties League win of the season, but the team is still rooted to the bottom of the table as they are 52 points

away from safety. New Bradwell's batters were in decent form in their 46-run success over Milton Keynes.

Chris Timms top-scored with 62, while opener Kieran Lampard contributed 51 runs and Harry Singh scored 48.

Daniel Brady was unbeaten on 48 as MK chased a target of 264 to win, but four wickets from Chris Wade and three from David Little gave New

Bradwell victory. In the Northamptonshire Cricket League Teja Nidamanuru scored 51 for Stony Stratford but they were beaten by eight wickets at the hands of Rushden Town.

The Cherwell Cricket League saw Great Brickhill lose by five wickets.

They were all out for 122 in the first innings, with opener Mark Nelson getting their highest score of 24.

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## ICE HOCKEY

# Milan makes it Czech-mate as forward joins Lightning

BY ANDY HANDLEY

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**PROVEN** goal scorer Czech forward Milan Baranyk is the latest signing for MK Lightning as the Milton Keynes team capture him from rivals Peterborough Phantoms.

Getting to know his new team-mates in the Lightning dressing room will be helped by the fact that Baranyk is a former team-mate of both Craig Scott and Mikolaj Luposki, and a good friend of Frantisek Bakrlík and Przemysław Odrobny.

Fans will already be aware of his abilities and during two seasons with Peterborough he was the Phantoms' top points scorer in 2014-15.

He was also part of the title-winning team and last season was their top points scoring import with 71 points from 56 league games.

After honing his skills in his home country, Baranyk enjoyed extensive experience in the top Polish league, complemented with short spells in the United States (WCHL), Slovakia and France.

Baranyk was twice a member of the Polish championship winning side and scored the most goals and points in the whole league in 2008-09.

"I'm very excited about playing for the Lightning organisation," said Baranyk.

"It'll be my second team here in England and I really think we can reach for a trophy.

"Coach Russell is building a very strong and exciting team.



New signing: Milan Baranyk has joined MK Lightning from Peterborough Phantoms

"I know a few of the team already so that is a huge plus for me. I know we can do a great job for Lightning and hopefully by the end of the season we'll have lots to be happy about.

"I can't wait for the new season to make some great memories with my new team and our supporters - and of course have some fun!"

Head coach Pete Russell said: "Milan

is a player I really liked when we played against him last year. He is offensively talented, has explosive speed, can score, sees the ice really well and has patience on the puck.

"He's a skilled guy that works hard for the team and plays with an edge, in some areas he gets under opponents' skin and I like that.

"We know what we are getting that's

for sure! When I found out Milan was available I spoke to Frankie Bakrlík about him.

"He was very positive as they are close friends and were line mates when they played in Poland together.

"For me, that's another plus and I'm looking forward to seeing them on the ice together.

"They will be very dangerous."

## GREYHOUND RACING

## Towcester fills the Ashland void

HAVING raced dogs since the early 1960s, the greyhound track at Ashland left a huge void in the lives of many when it closed in 2005, writes Andrew Lisimore.

Times have changed though, and the Milton Keynes racing community has found a new 'state of the art' home down the road at Towcester Racecourse.

Racing every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, since Towcester burst onto the scene in 2014 it has quickly established itself as one of the premier venues for greyhound racing in the country.

Towcester's emergence has led to a local dog-racing renaissance, attracting new faces into the sport as well as seeing the return of those that used to occupy the stands at the old Ashland circuit.

One way that new enthusiasts have got involved is through ownership syndicates. For a relatively small one-off payment they receive a share in a dog and all the perks that go with it. One such syndicate is the Milton Keynes Racing Club run by the popular Bucks-based trainer Steve Rayner. As usual, racing will start at 7.30pm this weekend.

## DONS

## Ireland trip for Dons as striker returns to club

■ CONTINUED FROM BACK PAGE of last season. Robinson said he was delighted that the player would be at stadiummk next season.

"He's massively important when you look at his goal record from the last time he was in League One," Robinson said.

"He's in a really fit place, he's so happy to be here and he's the one that I wanted.

"I didn't hide my desire to sign him at all."

The future of Simon Church is still up in the air as he is away on Euro 2016 duty with Wales, but Robinson says his future lies in the hands of the player.

"If he moves it will be a decision that he makes.

"He is a very good player and another one who hasn't dropped down to League One before so the quality should shine through a little bit more."



He's back: Nicky Maynard has rejoined Dons, delighting manager Karl Robinson

Robinson is still looking for more additions, but is happy with how the team is currently looking.

"I believe we're four players short, possibly five.

"I know who three of them are but it's a matter of whether we get them over the line."

Dons fly out to the Republic of Ireland for their usual pre-season camp today, and Robinson says it is an integral part of preparations for

the new season. "It's a place we feel very comfortable in.

"They've had seven or eight weeks off and we're here to work and be successful.

"I think going abroad is a bit of a myth and you have to train in the climate you're playing in and train at the time you'll train at during the season."

Lee Hodson's move to Rangers was also confirmed last Wednesday.

## sport briefs

## LONG JUMP

GREG Rutherford is one of the leading names due to compete for Team GB in the European Championships in Holland. The qualification events take place today, with the final tomorrow evening. It will likely be his last jump before the Olympics begin in Rio next month.

## ATHLETICS

MARSHALL Milton Keynes Athletics Club (MMKAC) hosted its annual 10km road race from The Open University in the eighth and final event of the East Midlands Grand Prix series. Steve Tuttle was the first local male winner. At the final 500m he was locked in a close battle with Steven Horton (Bedford Harriers) but using his track speed he held on to win in 33.01, two seconds ahead. Great Britain international Lily Partridge (Aldershot) was a very easy winner of the ladies' race. The MMKAC ladies also travelled to Southampton for their second UK Women's League Division Two match. Another third place was achieved.

## RUGBY UNION

OLNEY RFC's Mini and Junior Section has been shortlisted in the 2016 National Rugby Awards for Youth Section of the Year. With five seasons of consecutive growth in numbers and more than 100 volunteers, the section – sponsored by Michael Graham estate agents – has been a success story for Olney for many years. The winner will be announced at a special ceremony at Twickenham on Thursday, September 1.

## MOTORSPORT

JAMES Nash was left frustrated after two races of the TCR International Series at the Sochi Autodrome in Russia. Two fourth-place finishes put him top of the leaderboard. But after the race stewards punished him by adding 10 seconds to his time following a move they weren't happy with in his opening race on Jean-Karl Vernay, it relegated him to eighth for the race and dropped him to third overall.

## BADMINTON

LAUREN Smith and Heather Oliver reached the final of the Yonex Canada Open final in what should be great preparation before the Olympics in Rio next month. Great Britain's leading women's double pairing made it to the final in Calgary but were unable to secure victory on Sunday, losing 21-15 21-16 to Australia's Setyana Mapasa and Gronya Somerville.



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Podium: Max Verstappen celebrates finishing second in the Austrian Grand Prix



# Silverstone next for Max after success in Austria

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MAX Verstappen will be hoping to capitalise on his brilliant podium finish at the Austrian Grand Prix when Formula One comes to Silverstone this weekend.

The Dutchman was on course for a third-place finish before a collision between Nico Rosberg and Lewis Hamilton saw the German championship leader drop to fourth after he lost his front wing, which gave Verstappen an unexpected

extra place nearer the front. A jubilant Verstappen believes that Red Bull can also put in a good showing in Northamptonshire at a track where the team tend to do quite well.

"It's a great feeling to get the second Formula 1 podium of my career," said the 18-year-old.

"For sure that was a good race, the car was performing well, as were the tyres.

"I managed to overtake some cars at the start and had some good battles so that was really good fun.

"I was surprised but happy to pick up another position in the last lap.

"We are working hard for this season and picking up podiums so it's definitely positive looking at 2017, and looking at Silverstone next week it should be good, the car usually performs better there than here so that is another positive."

Team-mate Daniel Ricciardo came home fifth in the race after committing his future to Red Bull until 2018.

He has been attracting attention from Ferrari in recent weeks having had a rotten run of luck, but

Ricciardo has said he wants to stay at the Tilbrook team.

He said he was disappointed with his race, and he has been at the factory in Milton Keynes working on the car.

"We've had a few days to work out why I wasn't quick but I'm in the factory so we've got time to look into it. It was disappointing not to be quicker."

Team principal Christian Horner said: "It was a great Grand Prix and we look forward to taking that momentum to Silverstone."

## £500,000 price tag for defender wanting to leave



Future in doubt: Kyle McFadzean

DONS have put a £500,000 price tag on Sheffield United target Kyle McFadzean.

The central defender handed in a transfer request a couple of weeks ago in a bid to push the move through, but Dons have so far stood firm and refused to sell the player.

Dons boss Karl Robinson said the player hasn't even been in touch with him in pre-season, which puts a huge cloud over the player's future at the club.

"Kyle's got a lot of work to do and I've not spoken to him.

"It's Kyle McFadzean's decision but the valuation of Kyle McFadzean is half a million pounds and it's as simple as that.

"If Kyle wants to go then that is the asking price for the best centre half in the league.

"I don't care about what he thinks.

"His agent has been excellent but we've not spoken to Kyle."

Nicky Maynard has also re-joined the club, having signed a one-year deal on Saturday morning despite rejecting an initial deal at the end

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### Calendar of events 2016



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Take That Tribute Night\*



Best of British Night Out\*

#### Friday 5th August

Join us as we transport you to Brazil with this fun night out with this spectacular show and disco, and an evening filled with great food and great music!

#### Friday 19th August

Enjoy a tribute night with a difference and join our fabulous The Take That Experience, as you dance the night away to your favourite hits from the boys.

#### Friday 26th August

Join us for a night of singing and dancing, with great British food and great British music, and artists such as Take That, Beatles, Queen, Elton John, Adele and more.

£49 per person\* including dinner, half a bottle of house wine & entertainment  
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